

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-10-16**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 13, 2014
Commission Meeting: October 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 6, 2014

2. Out-of-state staff travel (Justin & Kate)

Staff requests approval for: (1) Laura Farkas to attend the "16th Annual Telecommunications Law Conference," December 4-5, in Denver, Colorado. This training course is sponsored by CLE International. Commissioner Kavulla will be speaking at the conference so he is allowed to bring one Commission member at a substantial registration discount. (2) Margo Schurman to attend the Western States & Provincial Meetings of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC), the State-Provincial Steering Committee (SPSC), and the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB), in San Diego, CA, October 20-22, 2014. Probable Motion: Move to approve the staff travel requests

3. Black Hills Power D2014.9.81 (Scott)

On September 16, 2014, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on September 17, 2014. Requests for hearing were due by October 10, 2014. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$208,594 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable Motion: Move to grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2014.9.87 – Energy West Incorporated – Application of Energy West, Inc. For Approval of Interim Increase to its Bank of America Financing Facility – 1) To discuss and act on the Montana Consumer Counsel's Request for Additional Time to File Comments; 2) To discuss and decide whether to waive the 30 day deadline for good cause to act on the interim financing application; and 3) To discuss any additional procedural matters that may be necessary. (10/16/14)
2. D2014.4.43 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition to Set Contract Terms and Conditions for Greenfield Wind, LLC – Discuss and act on Greenfield's

“Renewed Motion to Strike Testimony and Compel Discovery” and
“Application for Issuance of Subpoena Duces Tecum”. (10/16/14)

3. Proposed Utility Engineer Advancement Policy – Discuss and act on the proposed career ladder. (10/16/14)

Other Meetings

10/15/14 – 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar: “Non-Transmission Alternatives: Modeling, Planning, and Implementation” (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission’s web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission’s web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest) Multi State and Individual Case Basis Agreements

Any qualified person who signs a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to the term protective Order No. 6999 in Docket No. D2009.5.60 may review the following agreements at the Commission's offices, 1701 Prospect Ave. Helena, MT, 59620, or at Qwest's office, 441 North Park Avenue, Helena, Mt. 59601. If any interested party has reason to believe that Qwest's prices are below relevant costs in the agreements, the interested party may file an objection with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this notice (please see Qwest Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Docket No. D2008.1.3, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

- 1.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Member Driven Technologies have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Member Driven Technologies.
- 2.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Dakota Supply Group have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Dakota Supply Group.
- 3.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and National Parks Realty of Whitefish have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to National Parks Realty of Whitefish.
- 4.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Biografts have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Biografts.
- 5.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and American Chemet have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to American Chemet.

New Filings Received in Past Week

None